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SUBJECT: CULCON VIII

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1. RE PAPERS PARA 17 STATE REFTEL, DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES
ALREADY SENT APRIL 8 (SEE STATE 084317) AND DRAFT
STATEMENTS OF MISSION WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY COB OUR
TIME WEDNESDAY APRIL 21.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT WHICH
FOLLOWS BELOW, REMAINING REPORTS, WITH OBVIOUS TIME CHANGES
ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS PUBLISHED IN SPRING 1976
CULCON REPORTS, WHICH POST SHOULD ALREADY HAVE IN HAND
FROM JAPAN SOCIETY. POST SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT LIBRARY,
TV AND JAPANESE SUBCOMMITTEES WILL BE MEETING ONCE MORE
PRIOR CULCON CONFERENCE AND THEREFORE SUBMITTED REPORTS
MAY HAVE TO BE REVISED AND/OR UPDATED.

3. LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

THE CULCON (AMERICAN PANEL) SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES WAS
ORGANIZED IN THE FALL OF 1975 "TO ADVISE AND ASSIST CULCON
IN ITS EFFORT TO DEVELOP FURTHER EXCHANGE IN THE AREA OF
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LIBRARIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN". ITS MEMBERS, SHOWN

IN THE ATTACHMENT; WERE SELECTED TO REPRESENT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INTERESTS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO INTERESTS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE STUDIES COLLECTIONS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES AND AMERICAN STUDIES COLLECTIONS IN JAPANESE LIBRARIES.

IN LATE OCTOBER 1975, FIVE OF THE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE THIRD JAPAN-U.S. CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION HELD IN KYOTO AND ORGANIZED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JAPANESE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LIAISON WITH JAPANESE LIBRARIES. ON OCTOBER 27, THE FIVE HELD A JOINT PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE PREPARATORY LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP).

SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH SIDES WERE POSITIVE IN EXPRESSING HOPES FOR GREATER COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND PERSONNEL. IT WAS AGREED THAT CONCRETE PROPOSALS, SUCH AS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DOCUMENTATION CENTERS, COMPILATION OF SPECIALIZED BIBLIOGRAPHIES, AND THE DISSEMINATION OF DIFFICULT -TO- PROCURE PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS MUST AWAIT THE FORMAL ORGANIZATION OF THE TWO LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES DURING CULCON VIII. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE JAPANESE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE WERE LARGELY IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE, WHILE THOSE OF THE U.S. LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE WERE PRIMARILY IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CLOSE LIAISON WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH THE TWO EXISTING U.S. AND JAPANESE LIBRARY COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE THREE BINATIONAL LIBRARY CONFERENCES (1968, 1972, AND 1975), THE TWO NEW CULCON LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES, AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS. TO THIS END, THE AMERICAN PANEL'S LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LIAISON WITH JAPANESE LIBRARIES AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES COMMITTEE ON EAST UNCLASSIFIED

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ASIAN LIBRARIES' SUBCOMMITTEE ON JAPANESE MATERIALS ON MARCH 20. THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE JOINT MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, AND ESPECIALLY TO PROVIDE TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE STUDIES COLLECTIONS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CULCON LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS THE PRECISE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES, BUT THAT A

CLEARER INDICATION OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BECOME
AVAILABLE FOLLOWING CULCON VIII WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF

THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES ARE SCHED-
ULED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES. IT
IS FURTHER EXPECTED THAT THE AMERICAN PANEL'S LIBRARY
SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
AMERICAN STUDIES AND JAPANESE STUDIES SUBCOMMITTEES PRIOR
TO CULCON VIII WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING GENERAL
GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE.

(ATTACHMENT)

CULCON AMERICAN PANEL LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE

WARREN TSUNEISHI, CHIEF, ORIENTALIA DIVISION, LIBRARY OF
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WARREN J. HAAS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION SERVICES AND
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EMIKO MOFFITT, DEPUTY CURATOR, EAST ASIAN COLLECTION,
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY;

TETSUO NAJITA, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR FAR EASTERN STUD-
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ROBERT STEVENS, CHIEF, CATALOGING DIVISION, COPYRIGHT OF-
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LAWRENCE TOWNER, PRESIDENT AND LIBRARIAN, NEWBERRY LIBRARY.

CULCON JAPAN PANEL PREPARATORY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

MASAO KOTANI, CHAIRMAN, SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE INFORMA-
TION, SCIENCE COUNCIL, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION;

YOSHIO ANDO, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF JAPANESE NATIONAL UNI-
VERSITY LIBRARIES AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, UNIVERSITY
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KUNIMI SUYAMA, DIRECTOR, DIVISION FOR INTERLIBRARY SERVICES,
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KEIO UNIVERSITY, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL MED-
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